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Examiner: Pablo S. Whaley

For: **Methods and Kits for Sequencing Polypeptides**

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Response to Official Action in the above identified application.

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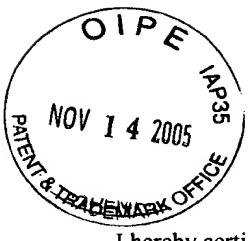
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Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION

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Dear Sir:

In the Official Action dated August 18, 2005, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121 between claims 1-7 drawn to a method of determining the amino acid sequence of a polypeptide comprising a specified polypeptide derivatization technique, mass spectrometric fragmentation analysis, and fragmentation pattern analysis and claims 8-10 drawn to a kit for use in determining the amino acid sequence of a polypeptide comprising specified acid moiety reagents, and a means for polypeptide derivatization.

Applicants elect the invention of claims 1-7 with traverse. This restriction requirement is traversed on the basis that it would not be unduly burdensome for the Examiner to examine the subject matter of claims 8-10 with that of elected claims 1-7, particularly as claims 1-7 and 8-10 are both indicated as classified in the same class and subclass. Accordingly, reconsideration of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested.

The Examiner also required an election of species under 37 C.F.R. §121 among the species of 1A - where the fragmentation analysis technique is MALDI PSD mass spectrometry, 1B - where the

fragmentation analysis technique is electrospray ionization tandem mass spectroscopy, and 1C - where the fragmentation analysis technique is other than MADI PSD or electrospray ionization mass spectroscopy.

Applicants hereby elect the species 1A comprising a method for determining the amino acid sequence of a polypeptide where the fragmentation analysis technique is MALDI PSD mass spectrometry. Claims 1-7 read on this elected species.

It is believed that this represents a complete response to the restriction and election requirements, and examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

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